

# Prayers for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God,  
in your unfailing love you provide  
ministers for your Church.

We pray for those whom you call  
to serve the Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
as priests

Inspire in them a generous response.  
Grant them courage and vision to  
serve your people

May their lives and service call your  
people to respond to the presence  
of your Spirit among us

that, faithful to the Gospel and  
hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:  
announce glad tidings to the poor  
proclaim liberty to captives,  
set prisoners free  
and renew the face of the earth.

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful  
Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called  
to gather the fruits of Your labour; preserve and  
strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern  
Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to  
surrender themselves to serving others in the name of  
Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths  
in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.  
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin  
Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our  
prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ,  
our Lord. Amen.

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Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name  
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love  
and Service of our Church  
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage  
of Your Spirit  
to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders  
who will embrace Christ's Mission  
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve Your people as Sisters,  
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better  
and open our hearts  
to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow  
perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ  
your Son. Call from among us more men and women  
who will serve you as religious. By their way of life,  
may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom  
for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in  
Jesus' name. Amen.

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Gracious and loving God, help the  
men and women of our parish to hear the  
call to serve in the Archdiocese of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our needs are great and our people  
thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up  
faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated,  
holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons,  
who will spend themselves for your people and their  
needs.

Bless those who are serving now  
with courage and perseverance.  
Grant that many will be inspired by their  
example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

He said to them "Come and See." They came and saw  
where he was staying (John 1:39).

God of all nations, we are most grateful for the first  
Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to  
\_\_\_\_\_. As strangers in a strange land they  
brought with them countless skills, talents and  
traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith.  
May the good News of Jesus Christ, which moulded  
and shaped their lives, continue to mould and shape our  
lives today. Bless our diocese with men and women  
who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church  
as religious brothers, sisters, priests, and deacons.

Lord Jesus Christ, help to hear your call to "Come and  
See."

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Hail Mary, full of grace;  
all generations call you blessed.

Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel  
to bear the Son of the Most High,  
filled with faith, you responded:

"Let it be done unto me."

Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana,  
you prompted your Son to perform his first sign.

Be with us as we discern our life's work  
and guide us in the way we are called to follow  
in the footsteps of your Son.

Holy Mother of the Saviour, at the foot of the cross  
you mourned the death of your only Son.

Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests,  
deacons, brothers and sisters.

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,  
turn your motherly care to this nation.

Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest  
to send more labourers to the harvest  
in this land dedicated to your honour.

Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice, Health of the Sick,  
inspire vocations in our time.

Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew  
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim  
the good news of everlasting life.  
Amen.

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Gracious God,  
You have called me to life  
and gifted me in many ways.  
Through Baptism You have sent me  
to continue the mission of Jesus  
by sharing my love with others.  
Strengthen me to respond to  
Your call each day.  
Help me to become all You desire of me.  
Inspire me to make a difference in  
others' lives.  
Lead me to choose the way of life  
You have planned for me.  
Open the hearts of all to listen  
to Your call.  
Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that  
we may have listening hearts and  
the courage to respond to You.  
Enkindle in my heart  
and the hearts of others the desire  
to make the world a better place  
by serving as  
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,  
Brother or Deacon.  
Amen.

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Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So  
precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son,  
Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry  
the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those

who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We,  
the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know  
how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers  
and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love  
your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

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Loving God,  
your Son, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds  
the way.  
Help me to find my way in this world.

Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving  
others in love.

Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer  
me  
through my family, my friends, and my parish  
community.

Through the Holy Spirit, you call me to a particular  
way of  
life.

If it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon,  
then  
help me to walk it in joyful service to your people.

With you, my God, I know I can find my way.  
Amen.

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to  
the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You,  
labourers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to  
speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word  
may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know  
You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent,  
Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns  
world without end. Amen.

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Loving God,  
Is it I, Lord?  
Are you calling me to a vocation  
of ministry in the Church as  
Priest, Sister, Brother or Deacon?  
Or if I am already living out a life's  
vocation, are you asking me to help  
call others to the ministry of  
leadership in the Church?  
We do need men and women to help  
lead us as Church, Lord. We are your  
people of the valley, prairie and pines,  
the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
Speak to us Lord.  
Open the minds and hearts of many  
men and women to live your Word  
and build your Kingdom.  
Speak to me Lord.

Plant your Word within me so that  
whatever you call me to be or do  
I may say Yes, Here I Am Lord.

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Lord here I am!

What would you like me to  
do with my life?

(Pause to listen to God for a moment)

Teach me to do your  
will, Lord.

And let your Holy Spirit  
guide me!

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O Father, you desire all of us to  
be happy. Stir up the grace of a  
religious vocation in the hearts of  
many men and women. Grant to  
them the willingness and generosity  
to give of themselves,  
their lives, their time and their  
talents to the service of Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and  
Saviour, and to His Holy Church.  
May more men and women go  
forth as priests, deacons,  
brothers and sisters to bring the  
truths of our Catholic faith to all  
others so that soon they, too,  
may know You better and love  
You more...and serving You, be  
truly happy. Amen.

Father you call each one  
of us by name and ask us  
to follow you.

Bless your church by  
raising up dedicated and  
generous leaders from our  
families and friends who  
will serve your people as Sisters, Priests,  
Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to  
know you, and open our hearts  
to hear your call.

We ask this in  
Jesus name  
Amen.

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Creator God,  
Life is your gift to me,  
Through Baptism you invite me to share  
the gift of my life in service to others.  
Be with me as I choose each day to show  
Your presence in our world.  
Give me the courage and generosity to  
respond to Your love, to Your call.  
I pray especially for those who serve you as  
Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and  
Lay Ministers.  
Open the minds and hearts of many other  
men and women that they may accept  
Your challenge to build the Kingdom.

Loving God, you have made me in Your image and  
likeness, and for this I shall praise You forever.  
Through baptism You invite me to serve as Your son  
Jesus served. I offer You this day all that I have and all  
that I am in union with His saving cross.

Father, in the power of the Spirit, You send us forth to  
build up Your kingdom. I pray especially for those  
whom You are calling to serve the church as priests,  
deacons, sisters and brothers. Help them to hear and  
answer Your call to discipleship.

The harvest is plenty, but labourers are few. Please  
provide for us men and women who will help to gather  
in a great harvest of souls. I make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O loving and gracious God, Father of all, you  
bless your people in every time and season and  
provide for their needs through your providential  
care. Your Church is continually in need of priests,  
sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service  
of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the  
hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your  
call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding  
to discern your invitation to serve you and your  
Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your  
call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who  
found fulfilment in his life when he said to you,  
"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask  
this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.  
Amen.

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Loving God,

You speak to us and nourish us  
through the life of this Church  
community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to  
send your Spirit to us so that men and  
women among us, young and old,  
will respond to your call to service and  
leadership in the Church. We pray

especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service.

Amen.

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Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfil their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, the provider of all our needs, we, your faithful people, ask that you bless this parish and our Diocese with an increase of men and women for priestly and committed ministry.

Provide from among us those who will lead and work with us in priestly and consecrated service.

As you call, so may you also provide the context for listening so that they may respond with generosity and joy.

Form our hearts so that we may be a people given to Gospel living and generous for Christian service.

Help us all to discern and pursue our vocation in life with strength and courage, making of us a priestly people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, the priest and servant of our hearts. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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Loving God, to be your prophet is my desire, but too often I am more concerned about the bottom line. I want to bring your message to the world as so many before me have done.

My heart leads me to you, but I'm not

always sure how to respond.

Let me know what it is you are calling me to do and the life you are asking me to live.

Give me the strength to share with others who are in need of the blessings with which you have enriched my life.

Thank you, God, for hearing my prayer.

Amen.

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Good and gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all peoples.

We pray you to grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church here within the Archdiocese of \_\_\_\_\_.

Inspire our young men and women by the example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!

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Thank you, Lord, for all the many great and wonderful gifts you give to our family. Help us to live each day with joy and humility. Keep us totally dedicated to serving you. Teach us to recognize the many ways you make your Spirit known. Then help each of us to accept your gift - the grace to answer your call to form, strengthen and expand the Body of Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Father, hear the prayers of your people, and bring to maturity the seeds you have sown in the field of your Church. May many of your people choose to serve you by devoting themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters.

Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. May those who follow in the footsteps of Christ your Son grow, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world. May all the ministers of your Church increase in numbers, and persevering in their prayer, perform their ministry with gentleness and concern

for others.

Father, keep them all faithful to the call of the Gospel that the world may see in them the living image of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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Lord Jesus, we pray to you for the Catholic priesthood. Give us more priests, but most especially we ask you to give us holy priests. Messengers of a truth that is all-encompassing and eternal, holy priests who know how to offer this truth to the people of their own time and place. Holy men for today, priests firmly rooted in the tradition, yet imbued with the spirit of this age. They have undertaken a mission in your name, Lord. May the reflection of your power in them always make it clear that they are your witnesses.

Grant that they may conform their lives to the paschal mystery that they celebrate each day in the Eucharist. May they sense in this mystery the anxious hunger of the world and of their own brothers and sisters for salvation.

May they know, despite this hunger, how to respect the spiritual freedom of others; for it is your word which has given the world a taste for this freedom. May they understand and speak the language of their own time. And may they be careful never to compromise, with opinions that come and go, the imperishable newness of your Gospel.

May they always keep through the dark wintry night of the soul an obstinate hope for the springtime to come. And when they meet those who persecute you, may they always remember the road to Damascus and the hidden ways of your providence.

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Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Saviour of the world.  
Please manifest in Your Church the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles.  
Call very many to Your priesthood and Your religious life.

May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen.  
May they be saints in Your likeness.  
May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them.  
May they be priests and religious according to Your own heart!  
Amen.

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O Lord, help me know your will for me  
Let your light shine in the depths of my heart  
that I may know what you want me to do with my life.  
Help me believe that you have a special plan for me.  
Lord, I know I pass through this life only once;  
help me decide how you want me to make a difference.  
Like our Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call.  
Above all give me peace of mind and heart.  
I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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God our Father,  
you will all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth.

Send workers into your great harvest that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, gathered together by the word of life and strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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LORD, JESUS,  
we ask you  
to send more servants to your people.  
Choose from our parishes,  
from our homes,  
from our schools and colleges,  
an abundant harvest  
of apostles for your Kingdom: priests,  
sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.  
We pray that those you call  
may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church,  
teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful "yes"  
as you did at the Annunciation  
Amen.

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Gracious God, thank you for calling us  
at Baptism to be your people.

In response to your call we again say, "Yes."  
Keep us faithful to your mission  
and our vocation.

Bless with a renewed spirit of zeal and enthusiasm  
all who dedicate their lives  
in service to your people.

Inspire more women and men of faith and compassion  
to serve as lay ministers and deacons  
sisters, brothers and priests.

Fill them with your Spirit of Wisdom  
to proclaim the Good News and  
to witness your presence among us.

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that  
there might be young men and women willing to give  
their lives for the sake of souls. Hear our prayer and the  
prayers of your Church and send us good and holy  
priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we  
shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ,  
Our Lord, Amen.

O God, You call all in Your Church to live a holy life.  
Like a wise harvest master, clearly call labourers to  
reap the harvest of souls. May some become holy  
priests, formed by the Gospel; may some find their way  
to religious communities filled with love for You.  
Inspire them by Your Holy Spirit to leave their way of  
life and share the work of Your Son Who lives forever  
and ever.

Amen.

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Creator of the Universe, God of the Nations,  
Your people are longing to hear your word.  
Send labourers into your harvest -  
women and men on fire with your love:

Dedicated single people -  
who incarnate your presence  
in their daily lives,  
whose availability enables them  
to respond to a diversity of needs.

Married couples -  
whose relationships serve as a sign  
of your fidelity to your people,  
whose love overflows  
to their children and neighbours.

Ordained Ministers -  
who gather the prayers and longing  
of your people

who serve as a channel of your presence  
through the sacraments.

Religious sisters, brothers, and priests -  
whose life in community foreshadows  
our eternal unity in Christ,  
whose service brings your life to the world.

May each of us respond with courage and generosity  
to our particular vocations, and may the Church  
recognize  
the Spirit's call to men and women of good will,  
trusting in your abundance to answer all our needs.

Amen.

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God, the source of  
creation and love,  
You invite each of  
us to serve you through the life  
which is your gift.

May your grace  
encourage men and women to heights  
of holiness through service to the church  
as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Make me an  
instrument to encourage others  
to give of themselves and  
challenge me to do the same.

Amen

Lord, through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift  
of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose  
each day to show your presence in our world. Give me  
the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to  
your call. I pray especially for those who serve you as  
priests, brothers, sisters and deacons. Keep them close  
to you. Open the minds and hearts of many other men  
and women to be witnesses to your gospel.

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary  
Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity  
necessary to follow Your call and the courage required  
to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to  
parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will  
inspire them to offer their children to God's service and  
to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the  
priesthood or religious life. May Your example and  
that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph  
encourage both young people and parents and let Your  
grace sustain them. Amen.

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God, our Father,  
in Baptism You called us by name  
making us members of Your people,

the Church.

We praise You for Your goodness,  
We thank You for Your gifts.  
We ask You to strengthen us  
to live in love and service to others  
after the example of Your Son, Jesus.

Father, look upon Your Church with love  
and bless Your people  
with generous single men and women,  
with loving husbands and wives,  
with understanding parents,  
with trusting children  
with dedicated priests, sisters,  
deacons and brothers.

Help us to see our vocations  
as a journey toward You.

You have called us,  
not to set us apart,  
but to bring us together  
with others who need our love.

Make us faithful signs of Your  
presence in their midst.

We ask You through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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O God, our Father, you have called us  
in Baptism to follow your Son  
through lives of loving service to you  
and to one another.

Grant us your assistance as we seek to live  
out our vocation in life.

We pray especially for those who have  
answered your call as priests,  
brothers, sisters, deacons and lay  
ministers.

Keep them faithful in following your  
Son and dedicated in serving  
their brothers and sisters.

Grant that many more men and  
women will be open to the  
challenge of dedicating their lives  
in the ministry of building your  
Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

God, our Creator,  
Life is Your gift to me.  
Through Baptism, You invite me to share the gift  
of my life in service to others.  
I ask LORD, "Who will be Your Priest, Deacon,  
Brother, Sister, Missionary, Lay Minister? Is it I?"

Give me the courage and generosity to respond  
to Your love, to Your call.

Give those you have called to the married and the  
single state the graces their lives require. I  
pray especially for those who serve You as  
Religious. Keep them close to You.  
This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Heavenly Father,  
You so loved the world  
that You sent Your only Son, Jesus,  
to bring eternal life  
to those who believe in Him.  
I join Him in His prayer  
for labourers in Your harvest.  
May Your Holy Spirit  
inspire and strengthen  
generous men and women  
to continue His mission in the World.  
May this same Spirit  
make known to me Your will  
in my regard.  
Where You lead, I will follow.  
Let it be done to me  
according to Your word.

I make this prayer  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

O God, in the past you called men and women to  
dedicate their lives to you through priesthood and  
religious life. Today stir up the grace of a religious  
vocation in the hearts of many within our parish  
community. Grant them the willingness and generosity  
to place their lives completely in your hands as priests,  
brothers and sisters. Help me to support them by my  
own fidelity to your call to holiness through prayer &  
Christian service. If you desire that one of my family or  
friends follow you in this way, grant me the wisdom  
and insight to support and encourage that person to  
listen to your voice and follow you without delay.

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Loving God,

You speak to us and nourish us  
through the life of this Church  
community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to  
send your Spirit to us so that men and  
women among us, young and old, will  
respond to your call to service and  
leadership in the Church. We pray  
especially, in our day, for those who  
hear your invitation to be a priest,  
sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their

hearts and minds to your call be  
encouraged and strengthened  
through our enthusiasm in your service.  
Amen.

Lord,  
I know you love me  
and have great plans for me.

But sometimes I am overwhelmed  
by the thought of my future.

Show me how to walk forward  
one day at a time.

May I take heart while I search openly  
for what it is you want me  
to do with my life.

Inspire in me wisdom and understanding  
to see your vision for my life  
and respond with openness to  
whatever you call me to be.  
Show me your way Lord!

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Gracious God,  
You are the gentle presence,  
the peaceful light,  
that fills our whole world.

We believe that you care  
for all your creatures  
with wisdom and love.

Take care of us, your Church, this day.

Give to us all grace and courage  
to live out our baptism  
as faithful disciples  
of your son, Jesus Christ.

Give us good pastors who  
will call us to love and forgiveness  
and lead us in worship  
in the community of the Spirit.

Bring forth from among us other ministers  
whose many-splendored gifts  
will strengthen our community.

Raise up people in religious life  
who by their unusual witness to the Gospel  
will call us to the love of God and neighbour.

You have enfolded the smallness of our  
humanity in your divinity.  
Fill us all with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Jesus, high priest and Redeemer  
forever, we beg you to call young  
men and women to your service,  
as priests and religious. May they  
be inspired by the lives of dedicated  
priests, brothers and sisters.

Give to parents the grace  
of generosity and trust toward you  
and their child so that their sons  
and daughters may be helped to  
choose their vocation in life with  
wisdom and freedom.

O God, you have called us to salvation and have sent  
your Son to establish the Church for this purpose, and  
you have provided the sacred ministers. The harvest is  
ever ready but the labourers are scarce. Inspire our  
youth to follow Jesus by serving Your People. Amen

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#### Parents Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God  
you have blessed us with the privilege of becoming  
Parents.  
We ask that you provide us with all that we need  
in accepting this awesome responsibility.

We pray that we will be open to your spirit  
who is our source of strength  
as we witness to our children  
your love for each of them and your desire for them  
to be happy and to live a full life.

We ask your help  
so we may guide and encourage our children  
to believe that they each have a special calling  
and to use their gifts and talents for others.

We pray, Heavenly Father,  
that our children will discover  
and respond enthusiastically to your desire for them  
whether it be to the vocation of single, married,  
ordained or consecrated life.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus  
through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

-Mrs. Dorothy Foss